

Remarks/Arguments

Prior to entry of the present amendment, claims 1-87 are pending.

Claims 1-2 and 7-87 stand rejected. Claims 3-6 stand objected to.

By the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of original claims 6, 7 and 8.

Claims 6, 7 and 8 have been canceled.

Claims 25 and 26 have been canceled.

Claim 41 has been amended in a manner similar to that of claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of original claims 42 and 43.

Claims 42, 43, 60, 61, 78 and 83 have been canceled.

The dependency of claims 9, 24, 44, 79 and 84 has been amended for consistency in view of the above-noted amendments.

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-5, 9-24, 27-41, 44-59, 62-77, 79-82 and 84-87 are pending.

Rejection of Claims 1-2 and 7-87 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hetz (U.S. Patent No. 4,530,362)

Applicant submits that for the reasons discussed below amended independent claims 1 and 41, and dependent claims 2-5, 9-24, 27-40, 44-59, 62-77, 79-82 and 84-87 are allowable.

Claim 1 as amended now includes the limitations of original claim 8. As original claim 8 depended from original claim 7, which in turn depended from original claim 6, it is clear that amended claim 1 includes the limitations of original claim 6. As the Office Action indicated that the subject matter of claim 6 is allowable, the subject matter of amended claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2-5, 9-24 and 27-40 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, and thus are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency from an allowable base claim.

Claim 41 is an independent claim directed to an ultrasound transducer for an electronic device. Claim 41 contains a limitation substantively identical to the

limitations of claim 6, namely "wherein the housing has at least one surface which ensures mechanical stressing of the transducer element in a manner which causes the transducer element to produce the signals." Claim 41 has also been amended to include the limitations of original claims 42 and 43, which are similar to the limitations of original claims 7 and 8. As the Examiner has indicated that the subject matter of claim 6 is allowable, claim 41 is also allowable.

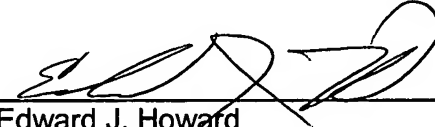
Claims 44-59, 62-77 and 79-82 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency from allowable claim 41.

Claims 84-87 are allowable at least by virtue of their ultimate dependency from allowable claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If the Examiner believes that there are any outstanding issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for applicant at 215-542-5824.

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